

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS SOON TO HAVE TURN

New York Athletes Getting Ready For Big Year in Hill and Dale Sport.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Within a week or two and while the attention of athletic fandom is absorbed principally with the closing days of the baseball pennant race and opening holes of hundreds of gridirons of college to coast several thousands of college an delub athletes will be seen scampering over hill and dale in preparation for the many cross-country runs which are scheduled to take place all over the country this coming season.

New York fans who take an interest in the game will have ample opportunity to see many of the leading stars of the Eastern colleges and schools in action this fall, for never before was the city's athletic calendar so well filled with cross-country events, many of which are to be contested over the six-mile Van Cortlandt course.

Heading the list of events to be held in the city is the intercollegiate cross-country championship.

Change is Popular.

In former years this classic of cross country running was held on a Saturday, and this change to another day of the week is a long hoped for and highly sensible departure from the old custom.

The cross country intercollegiate

are, as all athletic followers know, the most enjoyable of the summer's carnivals. This season, this event usually takes place when the athletes are at them at the peak of physical perfection, and is to the athletes and coaches as important as the annual Harvard-Yale gridiron struggle is to the browbeaten and overworked students. Heretofore this memorable struggle was largely responsible for the little attention given to accounts of the truly fine performances turned in by our athletes. This year, however, the efforts after a season of grueling training merit a place in the athletic Hall of Fame equal to that of any others.

At the year at New Haven the "knights of the spiked shoe" sped away with the report of the starter's pistol in this final meeting, and already available reports would indicate that even a greater number will be on hand this year.

The well balanced septet represented

ing Cornell University won first place team honors last year but only after a great struggle with the Orange and Black of Princeton, a single point being the decisive margin of victory.

Cornell, Princeton, Penn State, Yale and Massachusetts Institute of Technology have strong combinations, with Columbia, Syracuse, Williams, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Harvard, and several of the Maine colleges sure to be seeking places in the cross-country spotlight.

Watch Penn State.

Penn State will be watched carefully, for last year Coach Martin came out of the wilds with a sturdy aggregation of hill climbers, chief among them being one Mr. Romig, who captured first place in a manner that showed no doubt as to the thoroughness of him-

In addition to Romig, Coach Martin will have Larry Shields back in the field. Larry is sure to be back with the leaders all the way, for at Antwerp last year, as well as many times in the past, this sterling athlete showed speed and gameness that proved his class.

Picking an individual winner is an unwise undertaking at this or any other time. Last year the "know-nothings" completely overlooked Bill Higgins' completely overlooked Bill Higgins' completely overlooked Bill Higgins' may again upset our athletic calculations. Should Walter Higgins of Columbia University show again the wonderful speed and almost super stamina which marked his performance last season it would not surprise me to see him cross the tape a winner. And in addition, the record of a million other runners, record of a

The junior metropolitan cross-country championships will be held over the Van Cortlandt course on October 29 and the seniors one week later. In addition to the above mentioned several college and club meetings are to take place in the city this coming fall.

HEGARTY HAS HOPES FOR WASHINGTON ELEVEN

Predictions are already being made about the lineup of the backfield of the Washington football club. As long as Coach Hegarty is the prophet there should be no doubt on his pre-season dose. But "Doc" doesn't believe anything about the ability of football players until they try to lead them through a stiff line. He is that

The former Georgetown star and North Carolina State mentor says that among his candidates there are four men who should develop as the best team-work of the quarter-back pros in the country. Nothing but previous records are the basis for his statement, but these records are convincing proof that he is close to being right.

Harry Harris at quarterback, "Burr" Leighty at right half, Jack Sullivan at left half, and Roy MacCort at fullback, is his selection as the best in the professional class of gridironers. Coach Hegarty wouldn't entertain the idea for a moment that

the backfield will be a sure success and is expecting some strong competition from other backs he has signed.

Harris, several seasons ago, earned a fine reputation at West Virginia when he played halfback. When at Business high school in this city he was the class of schoolboy halfbacks.

Leighly was a clever halfback on the team last fall and is a regular speed king.

Sullivan did great work for Hegarty at North Carolina State a few years ago and was the star of the Knickerbockers last year.

Mackert, as local fans already know, was the best fullback in this section last season at Maryland University. He was seldom stopped when his team needed a gain through the line.

If this four start for Coach He-